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## 'Constituency Based Projects' receive funding

**By MORGAN WRIGHT**  
THE PARTHENON

Student Government Association has now received an allocation to put Constituency Based Projects into effect.

The resolution of The Constituency Service Act of 2013 was passed in September. The Constituency Based Projects Committee been formed and SGA will now begin funding various projects.

The Constituency Based

Projects can be defined as senators having the power to bring forth ideas and projects that their respective colleges would like to take part in. The committee then reviews the projects, and funding is granted or denied.

Out of the regular Senate allocation, which is roughly \$25,000, \$6,400 will be allocated to the Constituency Based Projects. The money

was brought forth by a reduction in the executive members' salaries.

Student Government President Pro-Tempore Nick Chancey said the Constituency Based Projects Committee's main priority is to help colleges that are represented in the Senate.

"One of the points of this committee is not only to build personal pride in

people and the colleges they represent, but also to connect people more closely to the colleges that they represent," Chancey said. "That's including students, faculty, and the dean themselves. This committee has a direct impact on the students, faculty and the people on this university in a way that I don't believe a committee in Senate has before."

Student Body President E.J. Hassan came up with the resolution and put it before the Senate at the beginning of the semester. The Senate then reviewed the resolution and passed it. Since then, the money has been allocated to fund the projects. The first college to bring a project to the Senate is the College of Science, and they will find out if funding was granted by next week.

Any Senate member can become a part of the Constituency Based Projects Committee if they choose to be.

To hear more about the Constituency Based Projects, tune into "Campus Concern" airing 5:30 p.m. Thursday on WMUL-FM.

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## Visiting author to talk early civil rights activism

**By TANYA ABBETT**  
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Blair L. M. Kelley will discuss her award-winning book, "Right to Ride," in the Memorial Student Center on Nov. 12.

"Right to Ride" received the 2010 Letitia Woods Brown Memorial Book Award from the Association of Black Women Historians. The book is about civil rights activism during the early 1900s and boycotts of segregated streetcars. Citizens protested segregation of streetcars in 25 southern cities between 1900 and 1907.

"Dr. Kelley is a fantastic speaker and her work should interest many in our community," said David Trowbridge, associate professor of history and director of African and African-American studies at Marshall University.

Tiffany Paynter, junior psychology major, said Marshall students should support the author and the book.

"Civil rights is an important issue in the United States and the rest of the world," Paynter said. "I believe this demographic is underrepresented in West Virginia, and it's important for people to learn about this because when you go out into the world, you will run into different types of people with different backgrounds. It's important for us to be cultured."

Kelley is an associate professor of history at North Carolina State University, and she teaches courses on African-American history, civil rights, oral history, New Orleans history and Hurricane Katrina. Her scholarly work focuses on the history of African-American resistance to segregation. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia and her Master of Arts and doctorate from Duke University.

The event will take place at 7 p.m. in Room BE5 of the Memorial Student Center. Copies of "Right to Ride" will be available for purchase and signing.

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## Bulgarian pianist visits the Jazz Forum



PHOTOS BY ANDREA STEELE | THE PARTHENON

Dr. Daniela Mineva performs on the piano as a guest artist inside the Jomie Jazz Forum on Wednesday, Nov. 6, in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.



**By MISTY ERNEST**  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University School of Music and Theatre presented Bulgarian piano artist Daniela Mineva Wednesday night at the Jomie Jazz Forum.

Mineva opened up the recital by introducing herself and her pieces in which she prepared for the evening.

"When I was preparing for the recital and choosing the program, I wanted to take you on a journey," Mineva said. "I wanted to take you on a journey of music and the things that are important to me and things that I am passionate about."

Mineva's first performance was "Rondo in C major, Opus 51 number one," a piece by Beethoven.

This performance was followed by two more pieces in which Mineva performed solo on the piano. Mineva performs solely by memory without the music in front of her.

Mineva's fourth performance was "Hungarian Dances, WoO 1," in which Henning Vauth, assistant professor of piano and coordinator of keyboard studies at Marshall University, accompanied her on the piano.

Mineva continued her performance with "Choral and Variations" by Henri Dutilleux, "Anamorfoosi" by Salvatore Sciarrino, "Homage on Robert Schumann" by Krassimir Tsakov and "Alla Turca Jazz" by Fazil Say.

"I really liked the complexity in the pieces because they weren't the same," Courtney Floyd, freshman creative writing major, said. "I also appreciated her movements with it and the way she got into her pieces."

Robert Bordelon, junior psychology major, reflected on his connection with Mineva's final piece she played.

"I really appreciated the last piece because my dad is a big jazz musician and I grew up listening to stuff like that, so the "Alla Turca Jazz" piece was awesome," Bordelon said.

Mineva has been playing the piano since she was five. She has won numerous awards and positions throughout her career, and now serves as associate professor of music and director of keyboard studies at Humboldt State University in California.

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## W.Va. Philosophical Society plans weekend meeting on campus

**THE PARTHENON**

Members of the West Virginia Philosophical Society will meet at Marshall University this weekend to share research on a variety of topics, ranging from Plato to Islam.

The West Virginia Philosophical Society draws its membership from faculty

and students throughout West Virginia, southern Pennsylvania and southern Ohio. The society meets bi-annually for members to share their latest work.

Professor of philosophy Jeffery Powell said the organization's meeting is part of an effort to keep philosophy alive.

"It's important for academics to come together and engage in penetrating inquiries," Powell said. "That's what keeps any discipline alive."

Powell said the meeting has certain advantages over academic conferences.

"People in the society know each other, so it's a lot

more informal than conferences," Powell said. "I think that informality leads to greater openness."

The meeting, which is open to the public, will start at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Memorial Student Center Room 2W37.

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## Marshall's International Festival to celebrate 50th year

**By CHARLIE HOUSE**  
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Marshall University's International Festival celebrates its 50th anniversary Saturday 5 p.m.- 9p.m. at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

The festival, which used to be in the Memorial Student Center, was moved to the arena last year. Cindy Krantz, a graduate assistant at the Center for International Programs, said about 4,000 people attended last year, and event organizers expect similar numbers this year.

Last year's festival used only half the arena, but organizers have expanded the event into the entire arena to better accommodate the crowds.

Krantz said the Center for International Programs hosts the International Festival to show there is more to Huntington.

"It's to show the community and to show the students that Marshall and Huntington has an international aspect to it," Krantz said. "We want to show them that when you come to Huntington, or when you come back to Huntington, that international, global aspect isn't lost."

For people who have been in the area for a long time, she said it's a way to change their perceptions about Huntington.

"It's another way to show the community that there is a lot more to Huntington than just Marshall," Krantz said. "We have an international culture here that we want to support."

The festival will feature tables with informative displays about different countries, represented by international students and American students who have studied abroad. Some of the tables include exhibits from Brazil, Turkey, Jamaica, China, Russia and Kazakhstan.

The festival features a full set list of performances, with Latin music group ¡Comparsa! opening and closing the festival. Acts include a dance from the Tri-State Indian Association, a Jamaican dancehall routine, Brazilian and Turkish music, performances of Chinese culture and hip-hop, and the Japanese song "Anata ni." Used in the Hayao Miyazaki film "Whisper of the Heart," the song is a Japanese interpretation of "Country Roads" by John Denver.



Upcoming seminar to showcase state-of-the-art scientific software

**By JEREMY WRIGHT**  
THE PARTHENON

A representative from Wolfram Research is coming to Marshall University to demonstrate software that performs complex computations used in many scientific fields.

Mathematica is a computer program developed by Wolfram Research that allows users to utilize the software's large database of algorithms to calculate, process and visualize data.

Andy Dorsett, representative from

Wolfram Research, will demonstrate how the software works.

"I spend a fair amount of time demonstrating how a user can get started with Mathematica without any prior knowledge," Dorsett said. "I also show plenty of ready-to-use classroom examples and exercises so that professors don't have to create these from scratch."

While Mathematica's title may give the impression it deals primarily in higher-level mathematics, Dorsett said the program can also be useful for

chemistry, social and life sciences, engineering and business.

"A user has access to over 10 trillion pieces of curated data at their fingertips," Dorsett said. "Rather than spending time researching data and verifying its accuracy, our developers have done that for users."

Dorsett spent eight years as a high school math teacher and adjunct professor. He said if the Mathematica software were available during his tenure, it would have allowed him to

greatly improve his own quality of teaching.

"With Mathematica, I would have saved a significant amount of time in preparation for courses and in teaching the courses," Dorsett said. "My students would have been able to spend more time on relevant topics, rather than the minutiae of hand-graphing plots and doing tedious calculations by hand that computers can easily do."

Dorsett emphasizes Mathematica is both available on and off campus for

students and faculty. He encourages first-time users to attend the seminar in order to see what the program looks like and how easy it is to use.

Dorsett will give two one-hour seminars Nov. 15 beginning at 10 a.m. The seminars will be in the John Deaver Drinko Library auditorium, Room DL 402. There is no fee to attend the seminars, and pre-registration is not required.

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Marshall Medlife clothing drive to benefit teenage girls, men in Huntington area shelters

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Medlife is seeking donations for its clothing drive at the Memorial Student Center from noon to 4 p.m. until Nov. 8.

Donated clothing items will benefit teenage girls living in shelters in the Huntington area.

Medlife is accepting fall and winter clothing for girls such as coats, pants, scarves, hats, jeans, sweaters and gloves. Shoes will be accepted if in good condition.

Male clothing will be accepted for donations to the Huntington City Mission.

Anna Lefevre, co-president of the Marshall University chapter of Medlife, said the clothing drive will help teenage girls at the Golden Girl group home and the excess clothing will go to the city mission.

Lefevre said the girls at the group home do not get clothes regularly, so any donation will make a difference. So far, the clothing drive has received a lot of jackets, shirts and sweaters, but is in need of long pants and jeans.

According to Lefevre, the members of Medlife strive to be role models for the younger girls in the group home. They plan to hand deliver the clothing items and spend some time with them to make the evening special.

Medlife is a national organization with chapters all over the world that works with low-income communities to improve their access to medicine, education and community development. The organization strives to help families achieve greater freedom from the constraints of poverty by empowering them to live healthier lives, according to the Medlife website.

The Marshall chapter of Medlife works to help other countries, but it places an emphasis on bettering the local community. The chapter strives to volunteer and help create change for those in need in the area.

Lefevre said it is important to donate to the clothing drive and get involved because the work Medlife is doing helps out people and organizations that are close to home.

Medlife is funded by donations that are split into two funds, the Medlife Fund and the Mission Fund. The Medlife Fund dedicates 100 percent of funding toward building development projects for poor communities, while The Mission Fund uses funds for accomplishing Medlife's overall mission.

The Marshall Medlife chapter meets at 6 p.m. every other Thursday in Room 374 in the Science Building on campus. During the meeting next week, there will be a guest speaker to talk about medical outreach.

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COUNTDOWN TO GRADUATION

Hopeful December graduates meet with advisers, Jostens representatives as commencement preparation events take over the Memorial Student Center



**By ALYSSA SIMON**  
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Seniors planning to graduate in December were invited to attend Countdown to Commencement Tuesday and Wednesday in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center to take care of pre-commencement responsibilities with the help of several campus offices and other services.

Representatives from the registrar's office were available to verify students' graduation status, confirm commencement participation, hand out honors chords and tassels, and answer any questions that students had regarding the December commencement.

Roberta Ferguson, registrar, said

she was very pleased with the turnout for the event where more than 100 graduates attended on both days.

The financial aid office and the bursar's office were also available at the event to assist students.

Financial aid representatives spoke to students about new student loan workshops where seniors are able to sit down and receive one-on-one exit counseling for any direct loans or Perkins loans they have out.

Michael Hill, accounting assistant II, said the bursar's office was at the event to check students' financial holds such as parking, library and tuition so they could be taken care of prior to graduation.

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**TOP:** Tyler McLaughlin, senior exercise physiology major, fills out an information card Wednesday for Countdown to Commencement outside the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center.

**ABOVE:** A Jostens representative shows graduation rings to students in the Don Morris Room.

Police Blotter

**By MAGGIE SMITH**  
THE PARTHENON

All incidents reported by the Marshall University Police Department.

**OCT. 31:**

**Underage consumption:** MUPD and the Cabell County Sheriff's Department had an underage drinking enforcement around Marshall's campus. The event lasted from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. and seven citations were given out. Marshall officers gave out five citations for underage consumption and officers from the sheriff's department handed out two.

**NOV. 1:**

**Drug possession:** Officers were called to the 1500 block of Fourth Avenue in reference to a suspicious person. Police found the accused walking toward an alley upon arrival and smelled the strong odor of marijuana. They ordered the suspect to halt and discovered that he had been smoking on a break. Police found a white paper bag with a smoking device and marijuana. The subject was cited for marijuana less than 15 grams.

**NOV. 2:**

**Drug possession:** A resident adviser from Towers West alerted police at 9:29 p.m. about the strong smell of marijuana coming from the ninth floor. The person in the room where the odor was coming from allowed police in and they discovered a napkin with a small leafy substance. The suspect was cited for less than 15 grams of marijuana.

**Burglary daytime:** A person came into the department at 12:12 p.m. to report that her Apple MacBook Pro was stolen from her dorm room while she was out. Her laptop was allegedly stolen between 2-10 p.m. Oct. 29. The police have a suspect and are considering the case open and active.

**NOV. 3:**

**Petit larceny:** At 5:54 p.m., a person called the department to report that she saw two individuals stealing a bike from Freshman South. Police found two individuals matching the description heading west on campus near the 1800 block of College Avenue. The two also possessed a bicycle that

matched the description of the alleged stolen bike. Both individuals were identified as juveniles and transported to the department and then later to their grandparent's house.

**Destruction of property:** A person called to report graffiti sprayed on the forensics building at the old Fairfield complex. The person claimed that they noticed the graffiti around 7:30 p.m. on the southwest corner of the building.

**Petit larceny:** Someone called the department to report that his bike was stolen from the bike rack behind Prichard Hall sometime between Oct. 1 and Nov. 3. The bike was valued between \$150 and \$200.

**NOV. 4:**

**Petit larceny:** A person stated their Trek Series 3 mountain bike was stolen from a bike rack behind Freshman South between Nov. 1 and Nov. 4. He claimed he found the lock cut on the ground and provided police a photo of the bike, which is red and grey and valued around \$500.

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Huntington Symphony Orchestra to finance season with fundraiser

**By ZACH HAUGHT**  
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The Huntington Symphony Orchestra will host a Composer Series Fundraiser Event Thursday at Huntington's Touma Medical Museum.

Wine, soda and hors d'oeuvres will be served while Symphony members provide music. The performers will include: Ann Bingham, clarinet; Edwin Bingham, bassoon; Wendell Dobbs, flute; Stephen Lawson, horn; and Lora Snow, oboe.

The woodwind quintet will perform the works of John Philip Sousa, the featured composer of the month. Sousa was chosen in honor of his birthday, Nov. 6.

Wendell Dobbs, professor of flute and music theory, said Sousa had a reputation as the "march king."

"He was very active at the beginning of the 20th century I guess and was the leader of the Marine band in Washington, D.C. and so wrote many marches and military music, but also wrote many songs and operetta sorts of things," Dobbs said. "We'll play some marches for sure, but then some of these lighter tunes we'll play also."

Stephen Lawson, professor of French horn and music theory, was in charge of arranging Sousa's works to be performed. Lawson said they are still mostly like the originals.

"I would say the 90 percent plus of them are just transcribing from the originals to our instruments," Lawson said. "There were a few places in order to make things work I had to do a little arranging, but the idea was to be true to what Sousa wrote."

Dobbs said he has enjoyed working with Lawson's arrangements, especially a collection of dances titled "quadrilles."

"I really like what Dr. Lawson has done with the arrangement," Dobbs said. "I think he has a real good sense for sound of the instruments and arranges them in a great style."

T. Hogan Haas, CEO and executive director of the Symphony, said ticket sales account for 20 percent of the budget, but donations are needed to supply proper funds.

"We're above water, but we're only wading," Haas said. "Like any organization that is a nonprofit organization, you need donations just to exist."

Lora Snow said she believes that an orchestra is integral part of a town's culture.

"It's still important to the health of a community," Snow said. "People can direct where they want their dollars to go."

The fundraiser will help finance the Symphony's upcoming season, beginning with "Winter Delight" Dec. 14.

The fundraiser begins at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the Symphony's office at 763 Third Ave. or by calling 304-781-8343.

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# SPORTS

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## HERD FINDS ITSELF IN FAMILIAR POSITION

By **TAYLOR KIRCHWEHM**  
THE PARTHENON

Two huge opportunities hang on the line for the Thundering Herd football team (5-3) at home against University of Alabama at Birmingham (2-6) Saturday: revenge and bowl eligibility.

Ironically enough the Herd was in the same position a year ago, playing a UAB team for the chance to keep their bowl game hopes alive. However, Marshall faced a heartbreaking 38-31 loss counting them out of the bowl game hunt.

The biggest difference between this year and last year is that the game comes home, where Marshall is undefeated this season. Redshirt junior defensive back Darryl Roberts said there's nothing more the Herd loves than showing the other team whose house it's in.

"It's going to be real great," Roberts said. "Anytime any team comes in to a home game, we are undefeated this year at home, our

coach tells us we're going to lock the gates and be the most physical team. So when they come in here I hope they know that we're going to be physical."

Head coach Doc Holliday added that this year's Marshall team is older and more developed.

"I think we are a lot more mature this year," Holliday said. "I think we are an older football team with a lot more leadership and these guys respect that UAB team because of what they did to us a year ago. They better. I know I do, and they'll get that message from me and the entire coaching staff"

UAB has only won two games this season, and Marshall knows they should not be underestimated.

"We can't take them lightly," redshirt senior defensive back Monterius Lovett said. "They've only won two games, but they beat us last year so we have to go in with a tip on our shoulder."

Holliday too stressed the

Herd's respect for UAB, saying, "Our kids have to respect this football team because what they did to us a year ago and because they have the ability to come in here and beat us if we do not take care of business in our preparation."

The Herd defense will be gearing up for what they anticipate will be a strong run attack by UAB.

"From what I'm hearing I know they're a running team," Roberts said. "I heard the first 26 plays of their last game were run plays. They're not trying to throw too much; they're trying to be a physical run team. So we have to come down here and make big hits and big plays."

Marshall looks forward to a shot at becoming bowl eligible for the first time since 2011 noon Saturday in the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

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PHOTOS BY RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON  
TOP: Players congratulate junior wide receiver Tommy Shuler (1) after one of his two touchdown catches during the Herd's game versus Southern Miss Saturday.  
LEFT: Quarterback Rakeem Cato prepares to receive a snap.  
RIGHT: Redshirt sophomore wide receiver Davonte Allen picks up extra yardage after a catch.

### COLUMN A Deeper Look at the Herd Specialists

By **COURTNEY SEALEY**  
FOR THE PARTHENON

The last two football games have been less than pleasing from the Marshall University specialists. They have made mistakes we haven't seen in years from the Herd, but does this mean we should be worried they are slipping?

Last week against Southern Miss, the Herd lost two PATs. Justin Haig missed a PAT after the Herd's seventh touchdown of the day. One PAT was also blocked by Southern Miss's Dylan Bradley. This ended the Herd's 40-plus game streak of consecutive PAT's. They had previously made 156 in a row, which is fourth nationally. In fact, 102 of those came from Haig, which is fifth nationally.

The last time the Herd missed a PAT because of a block was by Tyler Warner in the 2010 win over Ohio. The last time the Herd just outright missed the PAT was by Craig Ratanamorn against East Carolina in 2008.

Then there is the performance by the specialists against Middle Tennessee State. At MTSU, Chris Brown blocked a Tyler Williams punt and ran it back for a touchdown. Then there was the embarrassing play in which Williams received a low snap by Matt Cincotta and as he punted the ball the officials blew their whistles and said that Williams knee had touched the ground, so he was considered down. MTSU got the ball at Marshall's 47-yard line, giving them great field position.

Just because the specialists have had a couple of mistakes, does not mean we should get upset with them, however. Streaks were meant to end eventually, if they didn't it would be impossible to break a record.

I would take the specialist of this season over specialists of the past any day. Years

ago, early in the Mark Snyder-era, the specialists had no direction or leadership and little work ethic toward actually practicing what they should have been.

During football practice, the specialists would leave the stadium and head over to the ROTC field, where the Marching Thunder practiced, and would pass the ball around until the end of practice. Unless you are practicing a special team's fake, there really is no reason for a kicker or punter to be passing the ball around and not practicing their punts. While yes, there is a limit of space to practice kicking, snaps are still easily half of the battle.

Doc Holiday offered some solace in his press conference this week when he said the team was just getting its rhythm back. It makes sense when you look at a calendar. Earlier this season the Herd played three games in around 30 days and now they are on a five games in 27 days run, as Holiday pointed out.

"We can't focus on anything other than what is happening on Saturday," he said. "If we look beyond UAB and what is happening here on Saturday then we will have problems."

Whether fans think Marshall's specialist need some extra work or not, the fact is Tyler Williams is ranked No. 4 nationally in punting with an average of 41.7 yards a punt. With 70 percent made, Justin Haig is No. 6 nationally in field goals. He is also No. 10 nationally in PAT kicking percentage with 95.5 and No. 4 nationally in scoring points this year with 63.

Those rankings don't lie. If you forgive the few mistakes made, Marshall actually has one of the best specialist programs in the nation.

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## Having a laugh with Hadassah

By **KARLI TIMKO**  
THE PARTHENON

Hadassah Lynch has made huge strides throughout her career as a member of the Marshall University women's track and field team. Last season she captured two second place titles in the 4x400 meter relay, and placed ninth in the distance medley relay at the Conference USA Championships. In the midst of her junior year, the business management major from Parkersburg, W. Va., stepped away from the track to give us a quick peek inside her mind.

**Q: Think about your life. What has been your greatest accomplishment thus far?**

A: Becoming a Division I athlete. With everything I have going on in my life, track has been that escape. I love the sport and my teammates, and I couldn't imagine my college career without them.

**Q: If you were to be deserted on an island and could only bring three things, what would they be?**

A: A piano, family and Walmart.

**Q: Who is your hero?**

A: My hero is my mother, she's the reason I strive to be better every day. A women after God's own heart would be best to describe her.

**Q: Where is your favorite place to eat in Huntington?**

A: Fat Patty's. I love the 'Pretzel Patty.'

**Q: If you were auditioning for American Idol, what song would you sing?**

A: I would remix "10,000 Reasons" by Matt Redman.

**Q: If you could have any superhero power, what would it be and why?**

A: Flying, because it's better than walking.

**Q: What is your biggest fear?**

A: Snakes!

**Q: Who is your celebrity crush?**

A: Matthew McConaughey.

**Q: What would be your ultimate dream job?**

A: Being a judge on any singing show, preferably American Idol or Sunday's Best.

**Q: If you had to live off of only one food item for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

A: My mother's stuffing.

**Q: If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?**

A: That everyone would know the love of Jesus Christ.

**Q: Do you have a motto?**

A: "If he did it before he can do it again. Same God right now same God back then." No matter what problem you face, God will always take care of it. If he did it before he can do it again. Trusting in God is my motto.

**Q: What is your biggest goal this season?**

A: I'm injured right now so getting back on the track is my main goal. I just want to run again and be an asset to my team.



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EDITORIAL

The importance of internships

It used to be that having a college degree set you apart, almost guaranteed you a job after graduation and left you feeling confident in your abilities to succeed. Times have changed though, and this just isn't the case anymore.

A recent study by Northwestern University found that 62 percent of the participants said they felt colleges did a "fair" or "poor" job of preparing graduates for the workforce.

Job requirements continually change and having a bachelor's degree is no longer sufficient enough to land you the job you want. Anywhere, you need your master's or a Ph.D. But maybe preparation has nothing to do with the level of degrees you have. Maybe preparation lies in job skills obtained beyond the classroom.

There's no doubt in the power of education. It empowers us allows us to be highly functioning citizens. Without it,

we wouldn't be able to develop as a society. However, there are some lessons you can't get from a lecture or a textbook, and that's a good thing.

Internships are perhaps the best way to obtain skills unavailable in the regular classroom setting. Students can experience the routine day-to-day functions of a workplace, as well as putting to practice what is learned in their college courses. According to findings from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 77 percent of college graduates who had an internship during their undergraduate careers or worked part-time or full-time jobs felt prepared for the workplace compared to 59 percent who did not have the same experiences.

The problem with a lot internships though is that they are unpaid. This can cause issues for financially independent students who must work throughout college and cannot devote time to an

internship with no compensation. There's been a lot of debate in the past few years over the legality of unpaid internships with many states, such as California and Oregon, investigating the matter. The Labor Department is also doing its part to make sure for-profit organizations are compensating interns.

Unfortunately, not-for-profit organizations are a different story. In such cases, "interns" are seen as volunteers, or as students who are there solely for educational purposes.

Under better circumstances, all internships would be paid and this would be enough encouragement for students to pursue them. In the meantime, however, colleges should do more to stress the importance of internships, because unpaid or not, there is great value in the skill sets available and that's something college students should not pass up.

Online Polls

You Can Be HERD

Do you think the NSA was in the wrong with its international spying?	What is your favorite Halloween activity?
Yes, they shouldn't have done it.	Carving pumpkins
No, the other countries do it.	Haunted houses
I don't know enough about it.	Costume parties
	31%
	31%
	38%

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COLUMN

Why are women left holding the bag?

By GINA BARRECA  
THE HARTFORD COURANT (MCT)

Not only do women hold up half the sky. We do it while carrying a 500-pound purse.

Women carry with us, at all times, everything we might need to start life in a new state. Our purses contain the all the merchandise found in a Quickie Mart or a bodega.

Men? Men carry a credit card and a twenty. If they need it, they buy it. Or they ask us for it.

After all, we'll have it in our bag.

We carry extra eyeglasses, lip balm, Q-tips, Band-Aids, a half-empty water bottle, four pens (two of which work), 16 crumpled receipts, a tiny notebook, gum, mints, hand sanitizer, perfume sample (empty), tampon, aspirin, non-aspirin pain relievers, Tums, Imodium, matches (we don't smoke, it's for friends), a "fun size" Snickers, nail glue, an emery board, a compact 5X mirror (ironic, right?), tweezers, cell phone, Bluetooth, floss, AAA battery (which helps with nothing, ever), and three cute, striped paper clips too adorable to discard.

We also have a folded article we're going to read as soon as we get a minute, an address book (don't trust technology — like to have it written down somewhere), calendar (ditto), an encouraging fortune from cookie ("Forget the doubts and fears creeping into your life. The universe is guiding you!"), a packet of cheap tissues, a packet of nicer tissues (for other people), a note from our niece ("I love you THIS much!") and one earring.

Every woman over 30 has, at the very bottom of her bag, a lipstick that we got as part of a "Free Gift" from Clinique in 2007 that we've NEVER worn (it's beige) but who in her right mind would ever throw out a perfectly good lipstick from Clinique? Yet we don't want it cluttering up our bathroom. So we carry it, talisman-like, and go around offering it to strange women, saying with false conviction, "I think you'd look great in this color!"

We stock up. A few months ago, before doing a talk on humor and wellness at an elite medical conference, I walked around the vendors' area to see what items they offered as bait to lure

attendees to their booths. I find some of these treasures particularly alluring; I once came home with, no kidding, a Viagra clock. I laugh when it reaches noon.

At this conference, however, one company was giving away medicated bandages in small plastic containers bearing their logo. Nice, right? Practical, sensible and inexpensive.

And for 20 minutes I watched as elegantly dressed, name-badged women from the medical industry, the insurance industry and huge pharmaceutical companies who, in Armani suits and with Fendi purses, scooped up those plastic containers as if they'd never seen an adhesive strip before.

They could be heard justifying themselves as they grabbed handfuls: "I'll keep this in the car. I'm putting this in Zack's knapsack. Good for traveling." Some were sliding the containers directly into those Fendi bags. They wore the same glazed expressions as Domsday Preppers.

I did not see one man — not one, mind you — take this particular trophy.

Guys were taking baseball caps, pens, flashlights and pedometers, so it wasn't as if they were averse to the process.

They simply steered clear of the non-fun items, which, of course, they could rely on the women around them to have.

C'mon, would you ever consider going up to a guy and asking if he had a Band-Aid? Or some ibuprofen?

In fact, if you went up to a man and said "You wouldn't have any pain reliever on you, would you?" he'd recoil. He'd assume were nuts or that you mistook him for drug dealer — and not from a pharmaceutical company.

Women get asked this kind of thing constantly and we feel guilty if we can't say yes. One morning I was muttering about missing my coffee. A stranger reached into her bag, gave me a cardboard container of hot coffee and apologized because it might not be the way I take it.

Women: Isn't it time for us to lighten our burdens, dump the junk and use our shoulders for the real work of the world? Also, would you like this lipstick? You'd look great in it.



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NATIONAL EDITORIAL

Death by drone shows the enormous value of this high-tech warfare

CHICAGO TRIBUNE (MCT)

Last week a U.S. drone strike killed Pakistan's Public Enemy No. 1, Hakimullah Mehsud, the vicious leader of the Pakistan Taliban.

Mehsud led a terror network blamed for the deaths of thousands of Pakistani civilians in suicide bombings. He was linked to the 2009 attack on a CIA base in Afghanistan that killed seven agency operatives. He was linked to the 2010 attempt to set off a car bomb in Times Square. The FBI had a \$5 million bounty on him.

The U.S. drone program has come under enormous pressure from critics who say it claims innocent victims. President Barack Obama has vowed to provide more transparency in how targets are chosen and more accountability for strikes. But the death of Mehsud shows the enormous value of this high-tech warfare. An international threat who was most likely beyond the reach of conventional troops has been felled.

His predecessor met the same fate by the same means.

Pakistan's leaders denounced the U.S. strike as a violation of their country's sovereignty. The drone campaign is unpopular in Pakistan, making it an easy target for Pakistani pols. But the politicians' outrage appears to be for public consumption.

The Washington Post recently reported that "despite all the denouncements, top officials in Pakistan's government have for years secretly endorsed the program and routinely received classified briefings on strikes and casualty counts. ... Pakistan's tacit approval of the drone program has been one of the more poorly kept international security secrets in Washington and Islamabad."

Since the death of Mehsud, the world has heard too few Pakistani voices like that of Zafar Jaspal, a professor of international relations at an Islamabad university. "If criminals are being

eliminated by drones, we should not turn them into heroes," he told The Wall Street Journal. "The government is giving the impression that a disaster has happened."

Case in point: Pakistan's interior minister, Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, who accused the U.S. of sabotaging nascent government peace talks with the Taliban via the drone strike. Khan described Mehsud's death as "the murder of all efforts at peace."

A blow to peace? Since 2006, Pakistan's leaders have announced many peace deals with the Taliban terrorists in the volatile Waziristan tribal region. Over and over, these attempts have collapsed, each time giving insurgents a chance to regroup, rearm and replenish their ranks.

The Taliban vow revenge. They promise to anoint a new leader. The job is likely to come with a short-term contract.

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# Illinois legalizes same-sex marriage



Chicago Ald. Deb Mell, 33rd Ward, is hugged after the gay marriage bill cleared the House on Tuesday in Springfield, Ill.

By KEVIN MCDERMOTT  
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Illinois joined on Tuesday the growing ranks of states to formally sanction same-sex marriage, after a yearlong legislative showdown that invoked the Bible, the civil rights movement and competing definitions of what constitutes a family in America.

With two floor votes Tuesday and the promise of Gov. Pat Quinn's signature, Illinois becomes the 15th state in the nation to legalize same-sex marriage — though it could fall further back in line between now and the June 1 implementation of the new law.

Reaction from around Illinois and beyond was swift.

PROMO, a Missouri gay rights organization, noted that "Missouri is now neighbored by two states in which ALL marriages are legal," the other being Iowa. It urged supporters to use Illinois' action to spur change in Missouri.

"Since Illinois will allow persons from out of state to marry,

it is likely that many same-sex couples from Missouri will cross the state border to take advantage of this right," said the group. "However, because of Missouri's 2004 anti-marriage constitutional amendment, such marriages will not be recognized by the state of Missouri."

The Catholic Conference of Illinois, meanwhile, alleged that the pending law "goes against the common consensus of the human race ... (and) undermines an institution that is the cornerstone of a healthy society."

"We remain concerned about the very real threats to religious liberty that are at stake with the passage of this bill," the conference said in a statement.

House passage of the bill, on a 61-54-2 vote, came after months of false starts and some complicated politics. Though the Legislature is thoroughly controlled by Democrats, that majority includes rural downstate and

black urban lawmakers, two blocs that have broken with their party's general support of same-sex marriage for religious and cultural reasons.

The turn-around Tuesday reportedly came after powerful Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan — who has supported the bill in the past, but too tepidly in the view of some gay-rights advocates — took a more active role in rounding up votes.

"The history of civilization is the history of people finding each other," Madigan told the chamber.

The bill's sponsor, Democratic state Rep. Greg Harris, is one of several openly gay members of the state Legislature. "What same-sex couples in Illinois want for their families is just what you want," he told his House colleagues before the vote to approve the measure.

Harris invoked the American civil rights and women's rights movements. "We find ourselves at another one of those

moments today."

Opponents argued that granting those rights to one group infringes on another: religiously opposed Illinoisans who, some fear, will eventually be forced to accept gay marriage in their businesses and churches or face lawsuits.

"This country was built on freedom of religion, not freedom from religion," said Republican state Rep. Jeanne M. Ives. She predicted that "conservative people of faith will lose religious rights" under the new law.

The Senate, which first passed the bill back in February, quickly passed it again later Tuesday to concur with House amendments.

Quinn, who came into the House chamber to watch Tuesday's vote, has been a vocal supporter of the measure and is expected to sign it into law soon.

"Today the Illinois House put our state on the right side of history," Quinn said in a statement.

# St. Mary's to have 10th annual Marshall University Marathon

By CARISSA JANCZEWSKI  
THE PARTHENON

St. Mary's Medical Center will host the 10th annual Marshall University Marathon Sunday, which also includes a half marathon and 5k run.

The course will extend through Marshall's campus, continue through downtown Huntington and finish up at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

"The course is easy as possible. It is flat and there are no surprises," race director Jim Duke said.

This marathon is usually in early November to avoid hot weather and other races.

"It is too hot in September to hold the race, and we also have to make sure we don't conflict with other major races," Duke said.

In addition to avoiding hot weather and other major races, St. Mary's also has to coordinate around the Herd football schedule to make sure the stadium is available to serve as the ending point of the race.

The race has been successful in the past years and participation continues to grow.

"The first year we had the race we had 400 participants, and now we have 2,500," Duke said.

Included in those 2,500 are participants from all over.

"This year we have runners from 37 states and five different countries," Duke said.

Runners will get a medal when they finish the race and in addition to a shirt and invitation to a spaghetti dinner the night before to prepare for the race.

"This year Bart Yasso, a professional speaker and famous runner, will speak at packet pick up and for the first time, we will have musicians on the course," Duke said.

Besides the new additions to the race, St. Mary's also is involved with the "Wounded Warrior" program that raises awareness and enlists the public's aid for the needs of injured service members.

"We donate the money we would spend on the tops finisher's prizes to the program to honor those who have served," Duke said.

The race offers a discount to those currently serving the country.

"We offer discounted prices to those who have done great things for this country through serving," Duke said. "They are offered a \$20 marathon and a \$10 half marathon price. We feel it is the least we can do for the sacrifice they have made for our country."

The race starts at 7 a.m. and spectators are welcome to cheer the runners on.

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"It's great to help upcoming graduates," Hill said.

Representatives from Marshall University's Graduate College were at the event to give students general information about attending graduate school and admission requirements.

Leslie Lucas, associate director of graduate admissions, said it was nice to be on the main campus to talk to students, as she works at the South Charleston campus.

The Marshall University Bookstore, Jostens and GradImages were at the event to

help students with their caps and gowns, class rings and cap and gown portraits.

Cassy Miller, senior athletic training major from Baker, W.Va., thought the event was very convenient.

"I like that I can get everything I need to do accomplished at once," Miller said.

Lauren Cundiff, senior exercise science major from Proctorville, Ohio, said the event was brief and helpful.

Another commencement event will happen March 11-12 for tentative spring graduates.

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# Spaghetti dinner to benefit mission trip to Nicaragua

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Ever wish you could better the world just by eating spaghetti? Then Sunday is your lucky day. Volunteers of the Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church, located at 1124 Fifth Ave., will host its third Christmas in Nicaragua spaghetti dinner at noon following morning services. Proceeds for the event will help support the mission to deliver food, clothing and medical supplies to nearly 350 Nicaraguan families in December.

While the spaghetti fundraiser is still in its infancy, West Virginia Methodist Churches have been involved in Nicaragua missions for 20 years. And 2013 marks the 10th anniversary of this annual trip by West Virginia Methodists.

Norma Denning, a member of Fifth Avenue UMC, has been a part of it all since the very beginning.

"I signed up with a couple of my family members in 1993 to go in August, the hottest month in Nicaragua," Denning said. "It was a building mission. We got poles, poured concrete and had the whole foundation done in two weeks."

In those two weeks, Denning not only helped form the physical foundation for the church, Iglesia de Morava, but also created bonds that would serve as the foundation for the missions that would follow.

Denning said that during the construction, the team would play with the children, initially as a way to keep them occupied and away from the work. As the

trip came to an end, speaking through translators, one of the children asked one simple that spurred everything since into motion.

"They asked, 'Will you send us gifts at Christmas?'" Denning said.

She said she didn't know how at the time, but said that she would try, and asked, if so, what they would most like. The answer: shoes. It was later discovered that in order for the children of Ciudad Sandino to attend school, they needed both a pair of shoes and uniforms.

Denning returned home, touched by the earnest request, and spoke with the then 21 members involved in the mission. That first year, they raised \$400, and sent it through one of their

Nicaraguan contacts to be used to purchase as many shoes as possible, mostly flip-flops, and a little food so that they could celebrate. Over the course of the next decade, as fundraising efforts grew and word spread, \$400 quickly turned into \$4,000. Today, through a combination of personal donations, and several key benefits, Fifth Avenue UMC raises an average between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Last year, the spaghetti dinner alone brought in roughly \$2,000 for the mission.

The luncheon Sunday is open to the public; adult plates are \$8, and a child plate is \$6. Additional donations are welcome.

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Food will also feature prominently in the festival. For \$5 guests can purchase packets of 10 tickets for sampling dishes at booths set up by eight local restaurants and two international grocery stores, as well as from Sodexo, who makes all the food on campus.

The restaurants include La Famiglia and Chateau D'Italia, with Italian food; El Ranchito, with Mexican; Nawab, with Indian; New China Garden Buffet,

with Chinese; The Original Hibachi, with Japanese; Jug and Kilt, with British pub fare and River & Rail Bakery, with European pastries.

Julian's Market and Cedar Market will offer Middle Eastern dishes and desserts, like hummus, gyros, falafel, kabobs and baklava.

Food tickets will be on sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday in the Memorial Student Center, and available at the door.

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*Roar* • Katy Perry

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*Wake Me Up* • Avicii

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### SEE THE LIGHT

Katy Perry's latest record, "Prism," debuted at No. 1 last week and is No. 1 in Australia, but it hasn't avoided issues Down Under. In an effort to "spread the light," the deluxe version of the artist's album included a paper insert for the first 300,000 buyers containing "seed prisms," as Perry calls them. The special editions of the record actually include packets of harmless Swan River daisy seeds. The Australian Department of Agriculture has its concerns, however, as it claims a potential biosecurity concern with the seeds. "Seeds or plant material of international origin may be a weed not present in Australia," a representative from the Department of Agriculture said to Rolling Stone. "The Australian Government has a strong system in place to detect and respond to material of biosecurity concern."

### MS. MARVEL

Marvel Comic's newest superhero, Ms. Marvel, is the first Muslim-American character from the publisher. Kamala Khan, a fictional New Jersey teenager transforms into the hero who strives to be like her idol, Captain Marvel, who "challenges the very core of her conservative values," Marvel announced. "This is ultimately a tale about what it means to be young, lost amidst the expectations bestowed upon you," series editor Sana Amanat said. "[It's about] what happens when you get to choose."

### Movie picks

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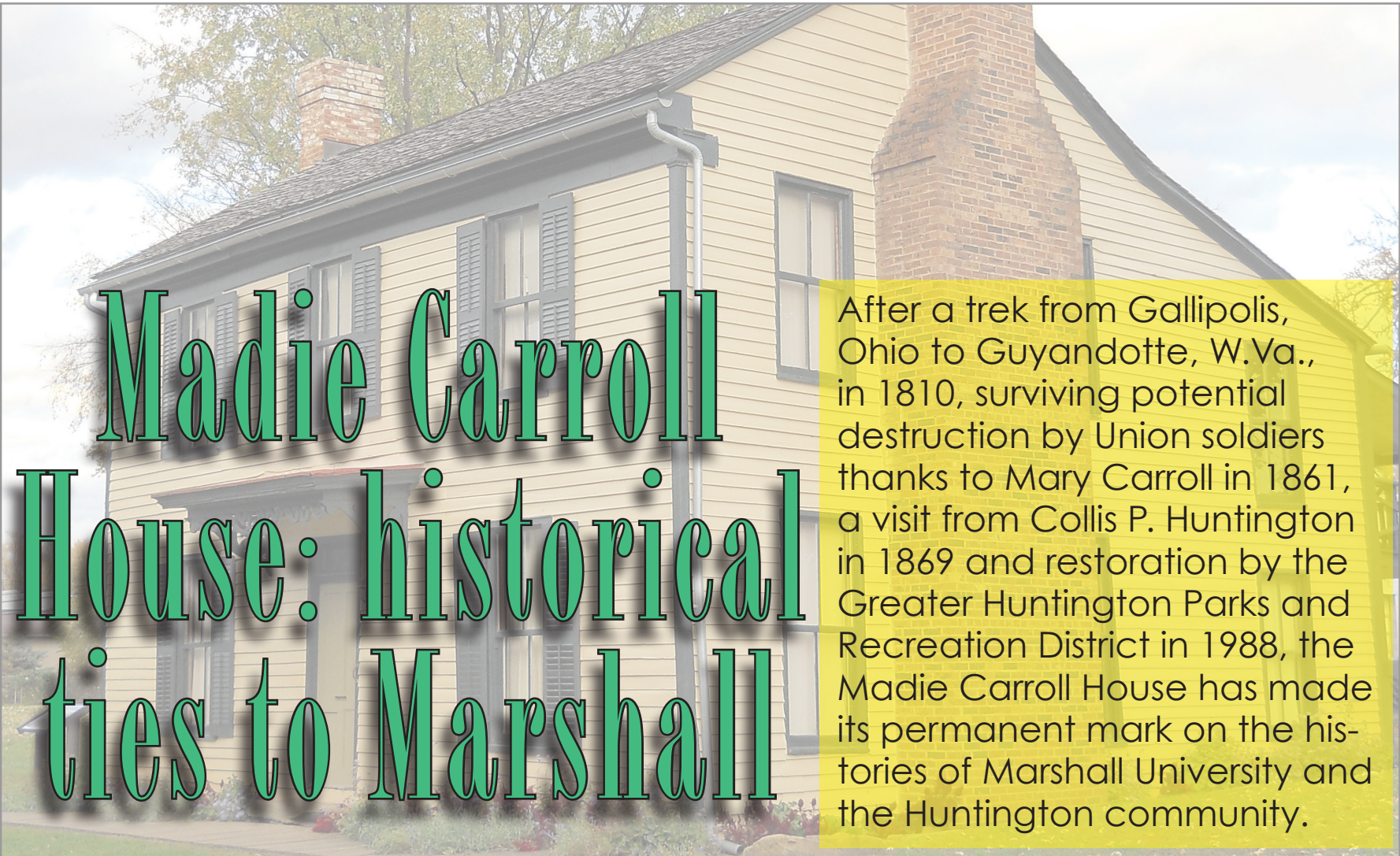
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**By GEOFFREY FOSTER**  
THE PARTHENON

All houses have history, especially the old ones. Each one has a story to tell, but more than this, their very existence forms a thread to the past. It is how we connect with our history long after the memories fade and the stories form holes that cannot be filled.

The Madie Carroll House is no exception. Located at 234 Guyan St. in Guyandotte, the house has strong ties to the Civil War, Marshall University and the city of Huntington.

The upkeep of the house is overseen by The Madie Carroll House Preservation Society, Inc. One of the society's members, Victor S. Wilson, is not only dedicated to the preservation of the structure itself, but its history as well.

"The Madie Carroll house was constructed in 1810 in Gallipolis, Ohio," Wilson said. "It was owned by a man named James Gallagher, who had the house transported down the river on a flatboat and pulled onto land using mules, oxen and timbers. The house has actually existed in three states. Ohio, Virginia and in 1863, the newly formed West Virginia."

Gallagher became a very successful businessman and trustee of Marshall Academy, now Marshall University.

In 1824, the house became the property of Wilson's great grandfather Robert Holderby and his brother James, who owned the land on which Marshall Academy was built. Holderby Hall was later named after him.

In 1885, the property was bought by Thomas Carroll. Unlike the former tenants, he made his home into an "ordinary," the 19th century equivalent of an inn.

In 1861, the Civil War began. It was in November of that year that the battle of Guyandotte occurred, an event that culminated with the burning of the city as an act of retaliation for the residents involvement in aiding the confederates who attacked the town the day before. Wilson said that the only reason The Madie Carroll House did not burn is due to the actions of Thomas' wife, Mary.

"As I like to say, it's not just history, but it's also 'her' story because this house stands today due to the valor of Mary Carroll," Wilson said. "There was a pounding on her door that day and when she answered it, there were Union soldiers on the other side showing her their orders to burn the house. She said that if they

burned her house it would have to be with her disabled husband and infant children inside. The soldiers became so aggravated that they chose to burn her barn. Well, the joke was on them because she had leased the barn to the Union army a couple of months earlier and it was full of their tents and military supplies. So, they burned their own stuff down, and that just goes to show that government waste is not new."

In 1869, the house was visited by railroad magnate Collis P. Huntington, who had a less than favorable experience that led to the formation of the city for which he is named.

"Huntington was visiting this region because he wanted a western terminus for the railroad he had just bought," Wilson said. "He came to the Carroll house either for a meal, libation or to stay the night. He tied his horse up in front of the house and it became untied. There are two stories about what happened after that. There's one story that the horse defecated in the street, the other is that it tore up the neighbor's yard. In either case, the constable of Guyandotte saw this and wrote him a ticket for \$5. After that fine, Huntington crossed Guyandotte off his list of terminuses and decided to build his own city next door."

In the early 1900s, the house was passed down to Madie Carroll, Mary's granddaughter. Madie was still living in the house when it was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. Her nephew, Lewis Carroll, gained possession of the house when Madie died in 1975. Lewis deeded the house to the greater Huntington Park and Recreation District in 1984. In 1988, the Madie Carroll House Preservation Society was formed to restore the dilapidated house for use as a historic museum.

Wilson said that The Madie Carroll House is an important and unique landmark in this area.

"Guyandotte was the pre-cursor to Huntington and the Madie Carroll House is the essence of Guyandotte's history," Wilson said. "What is so unusual about the house is that it represents the history of middle class America. That's something we don't often see, we see estates and mansions being preserved, but as far as the mercantile class is concerned, we don't usually see the preservation of their environment. That's why it is so unique."

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## Virtual Ticket brings BlizzCon to gamers

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Blizzard Entertainment, Inc. welcomes gamers to experience BlizzCon 2013 this weekend from home.

BlizzCon is Blizzard's annual convention to showcase its popular video game series like "World of Warcraft," "Starcraft," "Diablo" and "Hearthstone: Heroes of Azeroth," this year in Anaheim, Calif. The event takes place Nov. 8 and Nov. 9, but fans are able to watch the event at home through the company's Virtual Ticket system.

Virtual Ticket allows fans to watch developer panels, exclusive interviews, costume contests and the closing ceremony through a multichannel Internet stream, according to the company's FAQ. The coverage, which will be in full

high definition, will come with a bonus in-game item for each of Blizzard's major games and will come with the event's replay library that will be accessible for up to two weeks after the event ends.

DirecTV subscribers may also purchase a virtual ticket as a pay-per-view event and watch it on their televisions, according to the company's FAQ. The DirecTV Virtual Ticket will cost \$49.99, \$10 more than the online Virtual Ticket.

Much of the event's focus is expected to be around the popular massive multiplayer online roleplaying game "World of Warcraft." A movie adaptation of the game titled "Warcraft" is being directed by Duncan Jones and is set for a 2015 release, according to

Entertainment Weekly. A presentation for the film will be shown at BlizzCon Saturday, according to the event's schedule. The next expansion set for "World of Warcraft" is to be announced during the event.

Dawn Watson, psychology major, said she ordered the BlizzCon Virtual Ticket because she wants to see new "World of Warcraft" material that will be revealed at the event.

"[BlizzCon has] a lot of entertainment and is going to bring big things out as far as WoW," Watson said. "They're coming out with a new expansion, and I want to know about it. I'm a very avid player of 'World of Warcraft.'"

Jason Morrisette, political science professor, said Virtual Ticket isn't something he is willing to purchase.

He has been an avid fan of "World of Warcraft" since its early days in the mid-2000s.

"Personally, I would pass on the Virtual Ticket," he said. "I'm definitely curious about the announcements Blizzard has planned, but with the gaming media providing up to the minute updates on everything that happens at BlizzCon, it's difficult to justify the price."

BlizzCon aside, Morrisette said he would like to attend a convention.

"Video game conventions and geek conventions in general definitely appeal to me," he said. "I've never attended one, but I hope to get the chance eventually."

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